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Meals on Wheels Ministry Welcomes New CEO *Ms. Kari Kietzer To Bring International Experience to East Texas*

Tyler, TX (July 10, 2018) – The Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels Ministry (MOWM) is excited to announce that after a nationwide search for a new President and CEO, Ms. Kari Kietzer has joined the organization in the top leadership role.

“Ms. Kietzer joins Meals on Wheels Ministry with myriad experiences positioning her to manage with a high level of expertise and leadership, and we are proud to announce her as the new President and CEO of this nearly 45 year old East Texas service organization,” announced Mr. Joshua Ebright, MOWM Chairman of the Board.

Prior to joining MOWM, Ms. Kietzer’s career traversed diverse territory, including work as an international Independent Consultant who developed, researched and authored anti-corruption curriculum and reports for the U.S. Military, NATO and international NGOs. She is a talented program manager with many years’ experience in non-profit and for-profit venues.

“Meals on Wheels Ministry is a beloved organization, which serves the community’s most vulnerable citizens. I am joining the team with great respect for its position in the community,” said Ms. Kietzer. “It is with great honor that I plan to help usher the organization into its bright future of continued service and growth in East Texas.”

About Kari Kietzer

After obtaining her Masters in International Relations at Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Ms. Kietzer became an integral member of the program design team at the U.S. Army War College’s Peacekeeping and Stability Operations Institute in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. She played a key role in the creation of anti-corruption training courses for deploying military and civilian personnel to Afghanistan.

Shortly after this assignment, she was requested by the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force- Shafafiyat (CJIATF-Shafafiyat) Commander to serve as the Anti-Corruption Strategic Liaison and further anti-corruption curriculum development. During her time in Kabul, Afghanistan, Ms. Kietzer was hand selected to serve in CJIATF-Afghanistan. In this capacity, she was the initiator and conceptual designer of a three-pronged strategic study plan to influence U.S. and NATO doctrine and policy related to anti-corruption planning, operation and stabilization; and served as the

International Security Assistance Force Commander's project liaison. She and her team delivered the first NATO studies examining the intersection of anti-corruption and strategic operations while finding and researching the best practices and challenges for anti-corruption in post-conflict states.

Ms. Kietzer also spent many years at the University of Miami building and managing a portfolio of over 1000 alumni donors. Ms. Kietzer's career has taken her from the U.S. Congress in Washington, DC, to the classroom as an English teacher in Cannes, France, to managing a \$20 million dollar luxury yacht in the South of France.

Ms. Kietzer was honored by her alma mater, Western Michigan University. Each year, the School of Communication Alumni Academy inducts alumni who exemplify community engagement and career accomplishment. She was among three distinguished alumni who were inducted into the academy this year in honor of their career accomplishments and overall contributions to the field.

"I look forward to making East Texas my home, as I work towards the continued success of this incredible community organization," said Ms. Kietzer. "We are here to serve God's children, those who even at the winter of their lives need helping hands to deliver His blessings. As a team, we will ensure that our work promotes the mission of Meals on Wheels Ministry; uplifts our fellow staff members; and supports the work we all do each day to deliver nutrition, friendship, and safety to the homebound elderly and disabled of East Texas."

Meals on Wheels Ministry currently serves nearly 3,000 seniors and homebound individuals in 30 communities across six counties including Gregg, Henderson, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood counties. Meals on Wheels Ministry is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing good nutritious meals, daily contacts, and other support services that enable senior citizens and disabled persons to remain independent and living in their own homes as long as possible. More information on client services, volunteer opportunities and much more may be found online at www.mowmet.org.

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